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PROMOTION OF SFSOs
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Forest Service Officers (SFSOs) are promoted to the joint cadre of AGMU comprising States of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Dadra Nagar Haveli, to the All India Forest Service in the ratio of 33% of its strength, on the basis of seniority-cum-merit;

(b) if so, whether some SFS Officers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have been inducted into the joint cadre of AGMU of these States since 2000 and this causing severe heart burning and cumulative adverse future seniority of similarly placed SFS Officers of other States;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to rectify the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Under the Indian Forest Service (Recruitment) rules, 1966, the posts to be filled up by promotion from the State Forest Service shall not at any time exceed 331/3 per cent of the number of posts authorised for Senior Duty Posts, Central Deputation Reserve, State Deputation Reserve, and Training Reserve. In the AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territories) Join Cadre, 46 posts are in the promotion quota. The appointments to these posts are made on the basis of selection from amongst the substantive members of the State Forest Service in the constituent units, on a proportionate basis notionally allocated by the Joint Cadre Authority for AGMUT Cadre.

(b) to (d) In UT segment 14 of the 16 posts in the promotion quota, notionally allocated by the Joint Cadre Authority have been filled by inducting members of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest Service, being the only State Forest Service in the segment.